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THIRD TRACK BETWEEN MUMBAI AND AHMEDABAD
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey for construction of third track between Ahmedabad and Mumbai was made during 1995;

(b) whether survey has revealed that there is justification to provide additional track between Ahmedabad and Mumbai in view of increasing traffic;

(c) if so, the estimated cost for construction of track at that time and the present cost;

(d) the reasons for not taking up the work of construction by making a budget provision during the last five years; and

(e) the time by which the work of the said project is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (e): A survey for construction of 3rd line between Virar and Ahmedabad was completed in 1996-97 and recast in 2001-02. As per the recast survey report, cost of construction of the project has been assessed as Rs. 1006.73 crore with a rate of return of 7.21%. In view of saturation on this section, it has been decided to augment the line capacity on the route by adopting automatic block signalling. However, in Phase-I, the work of 3rd line from Surat to Kosamba has been included in the Budget, the work on which is in the planning stage.